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# UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No. P-7988  
First Inventor Karl J. Gramling  
Title Gutter Retaining System  
Express Mail Label No. n/a

1908 U.S. PTO  
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## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 17]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
  - Descriptive title of the invention
  - Cross Reference to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
  - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
  - Background of the Invention
  - Brief Summary of the Invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
  - Detailed Description
  - Claim(s)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 3]
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 6]
  - a. ☒ Newly executed (original or copy)  
Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
  - b. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)  
named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
  - a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
  - b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
    - i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
    - ii. ☐ paper
  - c. ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies

## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) ☐ Power of Attorney
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☒ Copies of IDS Citations
13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)
15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed)
16. ☐ Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.
17. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

☐ Continuation. ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP)

of prior application No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Prior application information:

Examiner: \_\_\_\_\_

Group Art Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

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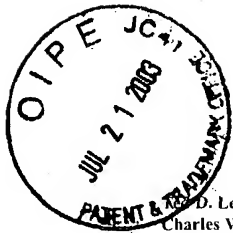
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RE: U.S. Patent Application entitled "Gutter Retaining System"

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find the following items for filing on the above referenced patent application:

1. Utility Patent Application Transmittal;
2. Fee Transmittal for FY 2003;
3. Patent Application Fee Determination Record;
4. Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney (6 pages);
5. Information Disclosure Statement with Cited Reference;
6. Patent Application (17 pages) with Drawings (3 pages);
7. Certificate of Mailing; and
8. Filing fee in the amount of \$375.

Please stamp the enclosed acknowledgment card with the date of receipt and return to my office.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

cc: Karl J. Gramling

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<b>PATENT APPLICATION FEE DETERMINATION RECORD</b>						Application or Docket Number <b>P-7988</b>	
<b>CLAIMS AS FILED – PART I</b>							
(Column 1)		(Column 2)		SMALL ENTITY		OR OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA		RATE	FEE	RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a))					\$375.00		\$
TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c))	10	minus 20 =		-	10	X \$	=
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b))	1	minus 20 =		-	2	X \$	=
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT (37 CFR 1.16(d))				0	+ \$	=	0.00
				TOTAL	\$375.00	OR	TOTAL
* If the difference in column 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in column 2.							
<b>CLAIMS AS AMENDED – PART II</b>							
(Column 1)		(Column 2)		SMALL ENTITY		OR OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
AMENDMENT A	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
Total (37 CFR 1.16(c))	*	Minus	**	X \$	=	X \$	=
Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))	*	Minus	***	X \$	=	X \$	=
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))				+ \$	=	+ \$	=
				TOTAL ADD'L FEE		OR	TOTAL ADD'L FEE
(Column 1)		(Column 2)		SMALL ENTITY		OR OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
AMENDMENT B	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
Total (37 CFR 1.16(c))	*	Minus	**	X \$	=	X \$	=
Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))	*	Minus	***	X \$	=	X \$	=
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))				+ \$	=	+ \$	=
				TOTAL ADD'L FEE		OR	TOTAL ADD'L FEE
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AMENDMENT C	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
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Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))	*	Minus	***	X \$	=	X \$	=
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))				+ \$	=	+ \$	=
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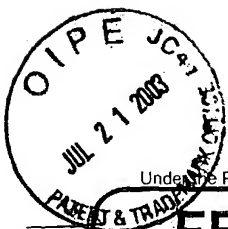
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☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$ ) 375.00

**Compleat if Known**

Application Number	
Filing Date	
First Named Inventor	Karl J. Gramling
Examiner Name	
Art Unit	
Attorney Docket No.	P-7988

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Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
1001	750	2001	375	Utility filing fee	375.00
1002	330	2002	165	Design filing fee	
1003	520	2003	260	Plant filing fee	
1004	750	2004	375	Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1)					(\$ ) 375.00

**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE**

		Extra Claims		Fee from below		Fee Paid
Total Claims						
Independent Claims	10	-20** =	-10	X		0.00
Multiple Dependent	1	-3** =	0	X		0.0
						0.0

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description
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1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	84	2201	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	280	2203	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	84	2204	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$ ) 0.00

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**FEE CALCULATION (continued)****3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	410	2252	205	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	930	2253	465	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,450	2254	725	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	1,970	2255	985	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	320	2401	160	Notice of Appeal	
1402	320	2402	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	280	2403	140	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,300	2453	650	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,300	2501	650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	470	2502	235	Design issue fee	
1503	630	2503	315	Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	750	2809	375	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810	750	2810	375	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801	750	2801	375	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify)

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